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Crop Production

Iowa: Farmers seeded 180,000 acres of oats in 2009, up 30,000 acres from 2008. Acres expected to be harvested for grain, at 95,000, is up 20,000 acres from 2008. The forecasted yield, at 71.0 bushels per harvested acre, is up 6 bushels per acre from last year. Production is forecast at 6.75 million bushels, up from last year's production of 4.88 million bushels.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but down 18 percent from 2008. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 3.4 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 34.8 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2009 but down 12 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 903 million bushels, is up 4 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 414 million bushels, is down slightly from the last forecast. White Winter is down slightly from last month and now totals 208 million bushels. Of this total, 22.4 million bushels are Hard White and 186 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 81.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2008. The U.S. yield is forecast at 33.1 bushels per acre, 0.3 bushel above last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.45 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2009 but down 5 percent from last year.

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 506 million bushels, 7 percent below 2008. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.2 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2009 but down 2 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 38.3 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from 2008. Of the total production, 470 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 8 percent from last year.

July 2009 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels
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Oats for Grain	75	95	65.0	71.0	4,875	6,745
Winter Wheat	35	22	48.0	1	1,680	1
Corn for Grain	12,800	13,400	171.0	2	2,188,800	2
Soybeans	9,670	9,750	46.0	2	444,820	2
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,395	1,426	63.5	64.0	88,635	91,277
Wheat, All	55,685	50,445	44.9	41.9	2,499,524	2,112,342
Winter	39,614	34,787	47.2	43.8	1,867,903	1,524,771
Durum	2,584	2,453	32.8	33.1	84,877	81,217
Other Spring	13,487	13,205	40.5	38.3	546,744	506,354
Summer Potatoes	44.8	42.5	306.0	341.0	13,694	14,506
Corn for Grain	78,640	80,107	153.9	2	12,101,238	2
Soybeans	74,641	76,547	39.6	2	2,959,174	2

¹Iowa's individual yield and production will be published in the *Small Grains 2009 Summary* released in September 2009. ² First forecast will be published in the *Crop Production* report released in August 2009.